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Salina Mennonite Church

A Congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Salina Mennonite Church is a Christian community seeking to share God's love through celebration, nurture, service, and peacemaking.

We hold that every person is created in God's image. We embrace differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, ability or status.

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Welcome

Prelude

Piano

O Worship the King

arr, Cindy Berry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ml7OnMOYy3I>

Gathering Prayer

Leader: Holy God, you call us together to reflect on your Word and our life in your world.

ALL: *Be with us now as we sing and pray together,
that we may hear your voice and understand your way.*

Leader: This we pray through Jesus, the Christ.

ALL: *Amen.*

Voices Together 857

Hymn

Traditional

O Worship Our God, All Glorious Above

Voices Together 74

Video on expansive language for God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAI5pWbjKQc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kFSjnqlx9Q&t=5303s>

Storytelling

Greenbelt Movement
JoinTrees

A New Beginning

Revelation 21:1-7; 22:1-5

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0GW1s9cSFY>

<https://www.mennonitemen.org/jointrees>

Hymn

Matt Redman

Blessed Be Your Name

Voices Together 637

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rw4H5t3TwHM>

Scripture

James 5:13-20

Pew Bible 983

Sermon

Availability

Anita Kehr

Scripture

Selections from the book of Esther

Pew Bible 386

Hymn

Ensemble

When Pain or Sorrow/Hold On

Voices Together 612

Congregation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kKJcs0_kNI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqlrISguA8>

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Hymn

Acoustic

O Lord My God/How Great Thou Art

Voices Together 436

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjZMDqnmBsg>

Benediction

May the Son of God, who is already formed in you,
grow in you so that for you he will become immeasurable,
and that in you he will become laughter, exultation,
the fullness of joy which no one will take from you.

Voices Together 1057

Postlude

Piano solo

O Great God

arr. Fred Bock

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbcVrLkhNuw>

We welcome our guest speaker. Anita Kehr pastored at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, Goshen, IN and First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. She supervised and mentored Pastor Christina during a year-long internship at Berkey Avenue. Currently, she is serving as chaplain at Schowalter Villa, Hesston, Kansas.

Christian Education

For Children – *Living as God’s People – God’s Good Creation*

- Stories during Sunday morning worship; Activities to do at home

For Adults

- Bible Study – *God’s Approachable Community* – 7:00 pm Wednesday at Zergers’
- Informal Discussion – *Lectionary Scriptures* – 9:00 am Sunday in the fellowship room

Pastor Christina’s Office Hours

Out of the office Sept. 27-Oct. 3 Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Upcoming Events

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| Sunday | Oct. 3 | Worship & Communion | 10:00 am |
| Wednesday | Oct. 6 | Worship Committee @ Newcomers’ | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday | Oct. 9 | Fall Fix-Up Day @ New Jerusalem Church | 8 am- noon |
| Sunday | Oct. 17 | Backyard Fellowship (no potluck) | 6:00 pm |
| Thursday | Oct. 21 | Church Board @ Zergers’ | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday | Oct. 23 | Wiener Roast @ Stuckys’ | |

Worship Totals

| 2021 | Attendance | | Unified Budget | Other | Total |
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| 9/19 | Zoom 7 In-Person 20 Total 27 | | \$150.00 | | \$150.00 |

Local Announcements

Worship next Sunday includes communion. Those joining on Zoom can prepare their own bread and juice for communion. As part of sharing the table, we will have the opportunity to contribute to the Special Needs Fund. This money is used to financially assist members and friends of the congregation.

Offering My Gifts: How will you be involved in the life of the congregation in 2022? Please complete and return the form emailed to you and available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Workday at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church: As part of Salina’s Fall Fix-Up Day our congregation will be working at the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, 321 N 8th St. from 8:00 am until noon. Check with Ted Zerger for details of the projects to be done.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for God’s strength for chaplains, medical providers and others in WDC who serve hospitals, health-care and hospice organizations, as they minister among those most impacted by the ongoing COVID pandemic.

The annual Hispanic Ministries – IBA Burrito Benefit Sale will take place Friday, October 15, 2021. ORDER TO GO (Drive thru pick up) – First Mennonite Church – 429 East 1st St., Newton. Contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342.

Everence to host informative webinars in October: Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 5, Everence Financial® will host three informative webinars. Topics include *Making Medicare an easy step*, *Maximizing your year-end giving* and *Estate planning basics*. The online events are free. To register, or for more information, visit www.everence.com/kansas or contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294, or central.kansas@everence.com.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Rejoice with Brian and Noelia Fox that COVID-19 cases in Spain are decreasing and in-person meetings for churches and schools are starting to resume. Pray for Brian and Noelia as they search for a place to hold their English classes, after a year of conducting online classes.

Mennonite Church USA: In a collaborative effort with Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Executive Board, the Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) Board of Directors has named Michael Danner the new executive director of MEA. Danner will continue to serve in his role as the associate executive director of Church Vitality, in addition to this new responsibility. Read more here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/danner-named-mea-executive-director-in-collaborative-agreement-with-mc-usa/>.

Mennonite Church USA: Join the denomination-wide “CommonRead.” MC USA, Mennonite Church Canada and Herald Press are partnering to encourage every Mennonite to read carefully selected books to equip the church during this time. This fall, the book is “Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking About Faith” by Sara Wenger Shenk. Learn more here: <https://www.mennomedia.org/commonread/>.

Mennonite Church USA: The Faith Formation ministry of Mennonite Church USA, led by six youth and children’s ministers, developed a card deck to encourage families to share their thoughts and feelings together, as well as grow in their faith. Learn more about this new resource and buy your own pack here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-faith-formation-ministry-releases-devotional-card-deck/>.

#BeTransformed: Jason Kauffman, in his blog, “Putting in the work to be transformed,” shares about his journey toward a healthier lifestyle and how it relates to his faith. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/putting-in-the-work-to-be-transformed/>.

Menno Snapshots: Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, some churches are still worshipping virtually via Zoom, while others are taking precautions that limit traditional methods of worship. In her recent blog, “How can we worship without singing?” Anneli Loepp Thiessen shares several ideas for how congregations can worship without using their voices. Find her ideas here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/how-can-we-worship-without-singing/>.

Join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for the 3rd MCC Color of Compromise webinar featuring Sandra Maria Van Opstal on September 28th at 1:00 p.m. EDT. From the depth of her experience ministering to the Hispanic and Latino community, writer, speaker and co-founder of Chasing Justice movement, Sandra Maria Van Opstal will speak about the impact of the church’s complicity in racism on the Hispanic and Latino community here in the U.S. Register here: https://mcc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mn84mcwBTHu_ggUajNFQKw For more information on past webinars in the series, visit mcc.org/color-of-compromise.

Take action to advocate for Haitian asylum seekers by urging President Biden to immediately halt deportation flights to Haiti. Following the biblical call to welcome the stranger, MCC is asking that all deportation flights to Haiti be halted immediately and is seeking respect for basic human rights at the U.S./Mexico border. [Take action today!](#)

Mennonite World Conference: “In this area of the world, churches now have permission to open their doors for meetings. At the moment, COVID-19 cases are lower and the vaccination is going well, although many people are opposed to the vaccine. Uruguay, Chile, Argentina are opening their borders. We say thanks to our God.”

—submitted by Freddy Barrón, regional representative, Latin America – Southern Cone